

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-53. (cancelled)

54. (previously presented) An assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising:

a first tube having a length adapted to a distance from an outer wall of the patient's abdomen to a sacrum, the first tube being provided with a distal end and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from the distal to the proximal end thereof;

a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals the length of the first tube, the second tube or rod being provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end; and

at least one attachment device configured for penetrating into the spine provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of a connector configured for connection to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, wherein the distal end of the

second tube or rod and the proximal end of the attachment device are formed for functional mutual engagement,

wherein the second tube or rod can be movably accommodated in the first tube, the second tube or rod extending into the first tube,

wherein the distal end of the first tube is configured to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and at least a part of the connector is attached to the attachment device and situated within the first tube,

the part of the connector is situated between the first and the second tube or rod,

a distal end portion of the second tube or rod is narrowed for together with the first tube forming an accommodation space for said part of the connector.

55. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod can be rotatably accommodated in the first tube.

56. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 55, wherein the attachment device is a bone screw.

57. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 55, wherein the proximal end of the second tube or rod is provided with means for rotation of the second tube or rod.

58. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 57, wherein the means for rotation comprises an arm that is transverse to the second tube or rod.

59. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod is formed for fittingly, holding the proximal end of the attachment device.

60. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 59, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end.

61-63. (cancelled)

64. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end, and wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod forms an accommodation space for the proximal end of the attachment device and is provided with a passage to the side, wherein an end portion of the said part of the connector extends through the passage.

65. (cancelled)

66. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the said part of the connector comprises a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

67. (cancelled)

68. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the attachment device has a diameter that at least almost corresponds to the diameter of the first passage.

69. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod at the proximal end is provided with means for gauging related to the sliding of the second tube or rod in the first tube corresponding to an attachment length of the distal end of the attachment device.

70. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the first tube is provided with a serrated edge.

71. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the first tube is provided with a handle near the proximal end.

72. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the connector comprises at least one of:

one or more threads that are attached to the attachment device, or

a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

73. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, further comprising a laparoscope.

74. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, sterilely accommodated in a hermetically closed packaging.

75. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 74, further comprising a viewing screen that is functionally connected to the laparoscope.

76-113. (cancelled)

114. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the connector comprise one or more threads.

115. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 72, wherein the mat of material is attached to threads.

116. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the connector is completely positioned within the first tube.

117-118. (cancelled)

119. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 66, wherein the mat is wrapped or shirred up around the second tube or rod.

120. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod is snugly accommodated in the first tube.

121. (cancelled)

122. (new) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the assembly is configured to be movably inserted in an abdominal cavity via a trocar.

123. (new) A device for the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising:

a trocar; and

an assembly comprising:

a first tube having a length adapted to a distance from an outer wall of the patient's abdomen to a sacrum, the first tube being provided with a distal end and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from the distal to the proximal end thereof;

a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals the length of the first tube, the second tube or rod being provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end; and

at least one attachment device configured for penetrating into the spine provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of a connector configured for connection to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod and the proximal end of the attachment device are formed for functional mutual engagement,

wherein the second tube or rod can be movably accommodated in the first tube, the second tube or rod extending into the first tube,

the distal end of the first tube is configured to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and at least a part of the connector is attached to the attachment device and situated within the first tube,

the part of the connector is situated between the first and the second tube or rod,

a distal end portion of the second tube or rod is narrowed for together with the first tube forming an accommodation space for said part of the connector, and

the assembly is configured to be movably inserted in an abdominal cavity via the trocar.